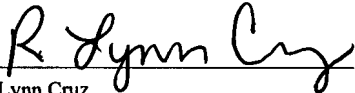


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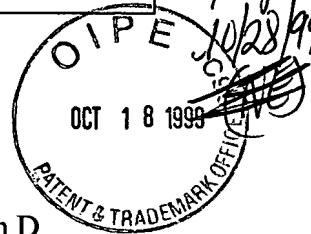
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to an Final Office Action herein mailed 18 May 1999, time for response to which was set to expire 18 August 1999. A Petition for an Extension of Time of two months until 18 October 1999 is attached hereto along with the required fee. The examined claims, claims 1, 3-9, 11, 13-19, 21, 23-29, 31, and 33-39 have been rejected and the rejection has been made final. Reconsideration of the basis for rejection is respectfully requested. It is respectfully submitted that the claimed subject matter is patentable over the cited art.